**Restriction of import of Petroleum Products**

†3343. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the right to import petroleum products in the country have been given to the oil companies;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that certain restrictions have also been imposed on these imports;

(c) if so, the details of the said restrictions; and

(d) the reasons for not making the petroleum-industry restriction free from Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) As per the extant Exim policy, there are only a few restrictions in the imports of petroleum products viz. transportation fuels and light diesel oil/NGL are allowed to be imported through IOC as State Trading Enterprise with the exception that the companies who have been granted rights for marketing of transportation fuels in terms of Resolution No. P-23015/1/2001-Mkt. Dated 8.3.2002 of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas could import transportation fuels.

**Shortage of LPG in Delhi**

3344. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi and some areas of Northern India has been facing LPG shortage;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the supply position of LPG in these areas?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.